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In re P	atent Application of)	MAIL STOP AF						
Canaka	ipalli Bhaktavatsala R	AO et al.)	Reply Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116-Expedited Procedure-Technology Center 1600						
Applic	ation No.: 10/020,18	34	Group Art Unit: 1623						
Filed: December 18, 2001 For: NOVEL SOFT-GELATIN CAPSULE COMPRISING S-ADENOSYL-METHIONINE AND A METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME		DENOSYL-) D A METHOD FOR)) Group Art Unit: 1623) Examiner: Traviss C. McIntosh III) Confirmation No.: 8034)						
	AME	NDMENT/REPLY TRA	ANSMITTAL LETTER						
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E	nclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.								
[A Petition for Ex	A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.							
[A Terminal Disclaimer and the [] \$55.00 (2814) [] \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.								
[] Also enclosed is/a	Also enclosed is/are							
[] Small entity statu	Small entity status is hereby claimed.							
[Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$385.00 (2801) [] \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).							
	[] Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments <u>not</u> be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.								
	[] Applicant(s) requested.	previously submitted	, on, for which continued examination is						
	[] Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed								

- A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.
- [X]No additional claim fee is required.

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[] An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS							
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Total Claims	30	MINUS 67 =	0	× \$18.00 (1202) =	0		
Independent Claims	2	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$86.00 (1201) =	0		
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$290.00 (1203)							
Total Claim Amendment Fee							
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee							
TOTAL ADDITIONA	L CLAIM F	EE DUE FOR TH	IS AMENDM	ENT	0		

[] Charge \$	to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.	
The Director is hereby	authorized to charge any appropriate fees u	ınder 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16

1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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is enclosed for the fee due.

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